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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-SB08A form, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent. The references were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated February 24, 2009, issued in connection with counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-121086.

Copies of the foreign references and machine translations are attached as is a copy of the Japanese office action.

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